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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement Office Action mailed on May 29, 2007 in which Species I-IV were identified as patentably distinct species. Applicants respectfully traverse this species restriction. However, in an effort to expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicants hereby elect Species I, Figures 4-6 and 12 for further prosecution on the merits. Applicants believe that at least claims 1-6, 8-9, and 14-21 read on the elected species.

Applicants note that upon allowance of a generic claim that they will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species that depend or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141.

If a phone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues related to this matter, please contact Applicants attorney listed below at 612.371.5387.

Respectfully submitted,

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